BACKGROUND: A portion of underutilized property (~200 acres in total) next to Big Cottonwood Creek had been contaminated from historic dry-cleaning operations, creating concerns with cleanup costs and potential long-term environmental liability. These concerns were preventing prospective purchaser(s) from buying the property to redevelop it into a walking-friendly apartment complex near the UTA Blue and Red TRAX lines.

CLEANUP ACTIVITIES: In 2013, EPA conducted over-excavation & on-site treatment of soils and shallow groundwater contaminated with chlorinated solvents from historic dry-cleaning operations.

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REDEVELOPMENT: The beneficial reuse and economic redevelopment opportunity for the formerly underutilized property was eventually realized. Construction began in 2015 for 378 new apartments (luxury apartments mixed with ~70% reduced rates for qualifying renters) named “Artesian Springs” built after the soil and groundwater cleanup activities were completed.